WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. A pharmaceutical composition for the prophylaxis or treatment of viral myocarditis, which comprises 2-amino-2-(2-(4-octylphenyl)ethyl)propane-1,3-diol or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

2. A pharmaceutical composition for the prophylaxis or treatment of viral diseases induced by viral myocarditis, which comprises 2-amino-2-(2-(4-octylphenyl)ethyl)propane-1,3-diol or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

3. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the viral myocarditis and viral diseases induced by viral myocarditis are caused by RNA virus or hepatitis virus.

4. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 3, wherein the RNA virus is orthomyxovirus or picornavirus.

5. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 2, wherein the viral disease is viral hepatitis (type A, type B, type C, type E, type G and type TTV), adenovirus infection, influenza, herpes infection, viral encephalitis, cytomegalovirus infection, viral enteritis or viral pericarditis.

6. A pharmaceutical composition for the amelioration or prophylaxis of viral cytotoxicity, which comprises 2-amino-2-(2-(4-octylphenyl)ethyl)propane-1,3-diol or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

7. A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of viral myocarditis, which comprises administering an effective amount

of 2-amino-2-(2-(4-octylphenyl)ethyl)propane-1,3-diol or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof.

8. A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of viral diseases induced by viral myocarditis, which comprises administering an effective amount of 2-amino-2-(2-(4-octylphenyl)ethyl)propane-1,3-diol or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof.

9. The method of claim 7 or claim 8, wherein the viral myocarditis and viral diseases induced by viral myocarditis are caused by RNA virus or hepatitis virus.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the RNA virus is orthomyxovirus or picornavirus.

11. The method of claim 8, wherein the viral disease is viral hepatitis (type A, type B, type C, type E, type G and type TTV), adenovirus infection, influenza, herpes infection, viral encephalitis, cytomegalovirus infection, viral enteritis or viral pericarditis.

12. A method for the amelioration or prophylaxis of viral cytotoxicity, which comprises administering an effective amount of 2-amino-2-(2-(4-octylphenyl)ethyl)propane-1,3-diol or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof.

13. Use of 2-amino-2-(2-(4-octylphenyl)ethyl)propane-1,3-diol or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof for the production of a pharmaceutical agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of viral myocarditis.

14. Use of 2-amino-2-(2-(4-octylphenyl)ethyl)propane-1,3-diol or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof for the production of a pharmaceutical agent for the prophylaxis or

treatment of viral diseases induced by viral myocarditis.

15. The use of claim 13 or claim 14, wherein the viral myocarditis and viral diseases induced by viral myocarditis are induced by RNA virus or hepatitis virus.

16. The use of claim 15, wherein the RNA virus is orthomyxovirus or picornavirus.

17. The use of claim 14, wherein the viral disease is viral hepatitis (type A, type B, type C, type E, type G and type TTV), adenovirus infection, influenza, herpes infection, viral encephalitis, cytomegalovirus infection, viral enteritis or viral pericarditis.

18. Use of 2-amino-2-(2-(4-octylphenyl)ethyl)propane-1,3-diol or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof for the production of a pharmaceutical agent for the amelioration or prophylaxis of viral cytotoxicity.

19. A commercial package comprising the pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 and a written matter associated therewith, the written matter stating that the pharmaceutical composition can or should be used for the prophylaxis or treatment of viral myocarditis.

20. A commercial package comprising the pharmaceutical composition of claim 2 and a written matter associated therewith, the written matter stating that the pharmaceutical composition can or should be used for the prophylaxis or treatment of viral diseases induced by viral myocarditis.

21. The commercial package of claim 19 or claim 20, wherein the viral myocarditis and viral diseases induced by viral

myocarditis are induced by RNA virus or hepatitis virus.

22. The commercial package of claim 21, wherein the RNA virus is orthomyxovirus or picornavirus.

23. The commercial package of claim 20, wherein the viral disease is viral hepatitis (type A, type B, type C, type E, type G and type TTV), adenovirus infection, influenza, herpes infection, viral encephalitis, cytomegalovirus infection, viral enteritis or viral pericarditis.

24. A commercial package comprising the pharmaceutical composition of claim 6 and a written matter associated therewith, the written matter stating that the pharmaceutical composition can or should be used for the amelioration or prophylaxis of viral cytotoxicity.